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STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK

The 2005 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships are set for this Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the Frankfort Convention Complex. Weight class brackets for the event will be posted on the Association website Tuesday.

General admission to the event is \$6 per session per individual. An all-session ticket will be available for \$22 each. Session breakdowns are as follows (all times are Eastern):

Thursday, Feb. 24

Session 1 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.)

Friday, Feb. 25

Session 2 – 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.)

Session 3 – 4:30 – 11 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.)

Saturday, Feb. 26

Session 4 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.)

Session 5 – 3:30 – 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 3 p.m.)

Championship Bracket Finals begin at 7 p.m. (Anthem, March-In, etc. begins at 6:30 p.m.)

HALL OF FAME BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 18th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet are currently on sale. The Class of 2005 will be inducted at the banquet scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at the Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ballroom (next to Rupp Arena). Tickets are \$40 each or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$375.

Following is a listing of this year's class of inductees: Gordon Bocock, John "Hop" Brown, Jack Fitzpatrick, Kym Hampton, L.V. McGinty, Jr., Ray Mills, Don Morris, Philip Reverman, Sr., Phil Rollins, Joyce Seymour, Sherrill Sipes, Stan Steidel, Paul Stevens, Robert Washington, Paul Woodall and Reba Woodall.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Marilyn Mitchell.

BASKETBALL TICKETS REMAIN ON SALE

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office through Feb. 23 by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Beginning March 1 tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com for the boys' event and through the Diddle Arena Box Office for the girls' event.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

DUPONT MANUAL / ST. XAVIER CLAIM SWIMMING TITLES

St. Xavier picked up its 41st overall and 17th consecutive Boys' State Swimming Championship while DuPont Manual picked up its first Girls' State Swimming Championship at the 2005 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet held Friday and Saturday at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on the UK campus in Lexington.

Emile Ewing set a state record in the 100 backstroke in Friday's Prelims and then broke her own record in the event on Saturday with a time of 56.18.

COMMISSIONER RULES ON SPORSTMANSHIP VIOLATIONS

KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries ruled last Friday on sportsmanship violations committed by the boys' basketball teams from Caldwell County and Christian County after an altercation that occurred Feb. 15 in a contest at Christian County.

Seventeen student athletes were suspended a total of 19 games and one assistant coach one game. Both boys' basketball programs were fined and placed on probation for the remainder of the 2005 season.

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26 – State Wrestling Championships – Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort Tues., March 15 – Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Lexington Center, Lexington Wed.-Sat., March 16-19 – National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament – Rupp Arena, Lexington Wed.-Sat., March 23-26 – Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament – WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green

NEXT RELEASE

The next regular release will be posted on Feb. 28, 2005.